

the Metro section, two stories lead. D.C. Test Results Seen as Progress; that is about our youngsters who were doing so poorly in the schools. The other, Mr. Speaker, says For Washington a Positive Mark of Distinction.

Let me be explicit. The District of Columbia is the best large city or place to live in the eastern United States, according to Money Magazine's latest ranking of the 300 most livable areas in the Nation. It is not us, Mr. Speaker; that is an objective observer, Money Magazine, which has not always rated your Nation's Capital thusly. New York City has already been heard to complain, but I do not believe that anyone in this Chamber has any reason to complain, because, Mr. Speaker, while this is our hometown, it is your capital of the United States.

We have all be criticizing that capital. It is time for us to now start rooting for that capital as it pulls itself up by its own bootstraps.

Money Magazine has an objective formula which it uses to designate the city. The entire details of that formula are not public, but we do know that they rated air quality, medical care, property taxes and cultural facilities.

There are other improvements in the District that we know cleared the way for this designation. For example, Money Magazine noted our higher than average crime rate. But, Mr. Speaker, the crime rate in the District of Columbia went down 20 percent, virtually the largest reduction in the country last year.

The national news recently had a story about crime going down in the country, and they used as an example public housing in the District of Columbia.

Something important and different is happening in this city, and this body needs to take note of it.

Much else has happened in hometown Washington that cleared the way for this designation. A surplus, Mr. Speaker, not a balanced budget, but a surplus 2 years ahead of when it was expected. Public housing now off the troubled housing list; a Summer Stars program which will end social promotion here in the District of Columbia, one of the first cities to do so in the Nation.

Scores up in our schools, and, Mr. Speaker, I do want to read from that so that you will hear it from the newspaper and not from the Member:

D.C. Public School System showed improvements in most grade levels in the last scores from standardized tests. That follows last year when students showed no improvements whatsoever. Our hats should be off to Dr. Arlene Ackerman, the new superintendent who has helped make this happen.

Mr. Speaker, the control board is going to set 2 years earlier than anticipated because the District has moved ahead with such energy to improve its finances and now to improve its management. Money Magazine has gotten the word. I come to the floor this evening to make sure that this House gets the word, too.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. CHENOWETH addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONDEMNATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 1998, the Islamic Republic of Iran claimed its latest Jewish victim. Rouhollah Kadkodazadeh, a 60-year-old Jewish businessman, disappeared about 10 weeks ago. His relatives did not know where he was, and his relatives' search for him led nowhere until June 1, when the authority, the Iranian authorities, called the relatives in and said, "Pick up the body."

No trial date was ever supplied. In fact, it is not even clear whether a trial ever took place or whether Kadkodazadeh was afforded legal representation or the ability to prepare a credible defense. Reportedly, Mr. Speaker, he was charged with being a Zionist, a spy for Israel and a corrupting person on earth; those are all quotes; which can mean anything defined as corrupt in the opinion of the tyrannical Iranian regime.

Recent perceptions of moderation and openness and public declarations by Iranian authorities, especially President Mohammed Khatemi, about respect for human rights and the rule of law were beginning to restore a glimmer of hope to Iranian religious minority groups after years of persecution, arrests and extrajudicial killings. This latest execution of a Jewish Iranian only serves to undermine any notion that a meaningful restoration of civility is coming to Iran any time soon.

With all the economic hardships, pressures and social and ideological fragmentation which today characterize Iranian society, it is safe to assume that if Israel or anyone else even needed spies in Iran, they could easily locate many less watched people who would probably have better access to confidential information than a 60-year-old Jewish businessman.

In this vein the claim that Kadkodazadeh was conducting espionage for Israel does not appear to be credible at all. It is more of the same, more nonsense from the Iranian regime which has no credibility whatsoever. More likely it was an effort to keep an already fearful population, the Jewish population in Iran, about 10,000 strong, living in fear.

As to the charge of Zionism, the fact that such an accusation still carries the death penalty in Iran speaks volumes about that country's respect for the freedom of thought and expression.

But even if one was to accept this notion as a reality, the simple truth about Kadkodazadeh attested to by those who knew him well is that he was not a Zionist. In fact, according to information I have been provided, he was not politically oriented at all. In Iran very few people are willing to engage in Zionist activities given the government's open hostility to Israel and Zionism itself.

All indications are that Kadkodazadeh was an ordinary Jewish person in Iran with no significant distinguishing characteristics from other average Iranian Jews. Making the logical assumption that those who brought him to execution knew these facts, one would conclude that some power within the Iranian regime wanted a Jew killed.

As with similar cases throughout the past, the reasons for such killings have been varied. Some believe that radical elements who oppose the somewhat more moderate government's rapprochement with the West and also happened to control the security apparatus as well as the judiciary undertake these sorts of actions in order to discredit the government. Others contend that the execution is simply the result of open hostility to religious minorities in Iran.

Whatever the reason for Kadkodazadeh's execution, the world needs to understand that Iranian Jews can no longer carry the burden of supplying a constant stream of sacrificial lambs so that the various factions in Iran can play out their political games. No matter which faction was responsible for the actual killing, the Government of Iran must be on notice that they and only they are responsible for preserving the rights and safety of all citizens of Iran, be they Jewish, Christian, Baha'i, Muslim or otherwise.

Mr. Speaker, we in the United States Congress must condemn this brutal act of execution, we must call attention to this brutal act of execution and serve notice in Iran that as a rogue state, she will not be allowed normalization within the international community until there is respect for human rights, democratization and an end to encouraging terrorism and extremism both inside and outside of its borders. What happened in Iran with Mr. Kadkodazadeh is a disgrace, a sham, and should be condemned by all freedom-loving people all across the earth.

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COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Chicago Board of Trade.

It is a milestone that certainly deserves recognition, and I am pleased to have introduced a resolution last week commemorating its 150th year anniversary.

The Chicago Board of Trade, which sits in my Congressional District, has been an integral part of the development of the City of Chicago, and, indeed, of the world. Chicago Board of Trade was founded by 82 visionary Chicago merchants, and made its mark by revolutionizing how grain was stored and sold. Little did these visionaries know 150 years ago that their efforts would lead to the creation of the world's largest futures market and a centralized marketplace for the sellers and buyers of grain. Just last year, the Chicago Board of Trade opened the world's largest trading floor, 60,000 square feet, for financial futures and futures options, and a record one million Treasury bond futures were traded in a single day.

The Chicago Board of Trade has had a significant impact on the lives of all. Food prices in the United States are lower because of the Board of Trade; interest rates on Federal securities are lower than they otherwise would be because of the Chicago Board of Trade. The existence of this extremely efficient, vital marketplace has saved us all money, whether we have ever purchased a futures contract or not.

It is not by accident that this market is located in Chicago. Due to its central location, access to waterways and proximity to farmland, Chicago is the natural crossroads of commerce in the United States.

The Chicago Board of Trade has served as host to Presidents, Members of Congress and dignitaries from throughout the world.

They have been on the cutting edge of technology. In 1995, it became the first futures exchange to open a commercial service on the Internet, and since then they have established an electronic system for overnight trades.

The Chicago Board of Trade has been a real leader in the world. Just this year, the Board of Trade entered into a cooperative agreement with EUREX, its Swiss-German counterpart, and plans are in the works to add a partner in Asia.

The success of the Chicago Board of Trade has not only created huge benefits for our Nation generally, it has also contributed enormously to the economy of Chicago. Chicago's two future exchanges have created over 150,000 jobs and puts millions of dollars each night in the city's banks. In a world class city, renowned for its architecture, the beautiful Board of Trade structure stands out as a major example of art, Deco style, and one of Chicago's most treasured landmarks.

The Chicago Board of Trade is a shining example of the ingenuity, hard work and creativity that is respected throughout the world. As members of the board prepare for your gala celebration on June 13th, I wish you another 150 years of success.

Again, congratulations, and I urge all of my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Chicago Board of Trade on its 150 years of success and benefit to the American economy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROBE: 94 WHO AREN'T TALKING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I do not anticipate taking the whole 60 minutes, but I did think it was important to illuminate a few issues for my colleagues and for anybody in the country take might be paying attention.

We have been investigating the illegal campaign contributions that have come into the Democrat National Committee and the Clinton-Gore Committee of 1996 for about a year now. One of the biggest problems we have had, Mr. Speaker, is that 94 people, 94 people, have either taken the Fifth Amendment or fled the country.

Now, when I had the FBI director, Mr. Louie Freeh, before my committee not long ago, I asked him if he had ever seen anything of that magnitude, and the FBI director said, "Well as a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I have." And I said, "Really? When was that?" He said, "When I was investigating organized crime in New York City."

Now, during this past week, the Washington Post, on the Federal Page, for the first time of any major newspaper in the country listed everybody who has taken the Fifth Amendment or fled the country, and I commend them for that. The Washington Post is not a bastion of conservatism, as most people know, but the fact of the matter is, they have listed all these people and given a brief explanation as to why they have not testified before our committee or any committee of the Congress.

I want to go through these real briefly for my colleagues and the American people, who have a right to know why people are leaving the country or taking the Fifth Amendment and not telling why these contributions came in from Communist China, from Macao, from Indonesia, from Egypt, from Taiwan and from South America.

Now, this is very important, because these people who are giving contributions from other parts of the world are not doing it for their health. They are doing it because they want something from the United States.

We just heard about the technology transfer that took place, giving China the ability to target more accurately American cities with their ICBM's and nuclear warheads. We also gave them MRVing technology, which allows them to put as many as three or four warheads on each rocket. That means that not just 18 cities are targeted here in the United States by the Communist Chinese Government and the Chinese communist Army, but 54 cities are possibly targeted at one time if we ever have a confrontation with them. That is a very, very sobering thought.

Every man, woman and child in this country ought to be asking the question, was there a quid pro quo? Was there an exchange of contributions for technology? Was the Loral Company, headed by Mr. Schwartz, involved, and did the contributions he gave have anything to do with it? He was the largest single contributor to the Democrat National Committee and the Clinton Gore campaign.

But let us get to the issue at hand. John Huang, the first person on this chart, he was born in China. He is a U.S. citizen, raised in Taiwan, and a former executive of the Lippo Group in Indonesia. He started out with the Worthen Bank in the United States, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and became a friend of the President of the United States.

Mr. Huang met with the President and others at the White House ten times between June 21 and June 27, 1994, and, right after that, Mr. Web Hubbell, who was about to be indicted by a Federal grand jury, received \$100,000 from the Lippo Group. Many people believe that was hush money, and that is one of the things we have been investigating.

Shortly after this possible hush money was given to Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Huang, two weeks later, got a job over at the Commerce Department as Assistant Secretary of the Commerce Department, which was a very influential department, because they had a hand in determining technology transfers and other transfers that went to places like Communist China. Anyhow, Mr. Huang has taken the Fifth Amendment. His wife, Jane Huang, has taken the Fifth Amendment.

Arief and Soraya Wiriadinata, they have left the country. They fled the country. Those people, he was a gardener over in Virginia, a gardener in Virginia, yet he gave \$450,000 to the DNC. Now, I do not know how much gardeners make in other parts of the country, Mr. Speaker, but \$450,000 from a man who is probably making \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year is a lot of money. It makes you wonder where that money came from.

Soraya's father, Hashim Ning, was a business partner of Mochtar Riady and the Lippo Group in Indonesia, and he wired \$500,000, which the couple used to make these \$450,000 in contributions. Evidently they kept \$50,000 of that. But that was obviously money that was